



**Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age  
December 2022**



**The Committee would like to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

**Committee News**

The calendar can now be found on the calendar page of the website. Please follow this link: [Castle Bromwich U3A: Calendar \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

Due to increasing costs, particularly for speakers at monthly general meetings, it will be necessary for member subscriptions to increase from £16 for the year 2023/24. The committee will be considering the matter at a future meeting as no figure has yet been agreed. Once a figure is proposed, members will be asked to vote on the recommendation at next year's AGM.



Come and help the Castle Bromwich u3a Committee who are looking for new members. Anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think. The committee meet once a month. Do you have any skills you can share that will help us to continue our work? If you are interested you are welcome to join us at our next meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10 am, Arden Hall.

Two committee members are stepping down at the AGM in March and we need to fill these places. There is still the position of Vice Chair to fill. If you are interested in joining the committee or this post please contact Dave Abbott or contact one of the committee members.

**Facilitator contact details can be found on your membership card**



## Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age December 2022

### General Meeting

**30 Nov – Cath Edwards - Story telling for adults**

**14 Dec – Maggie Farmer – Christmas Entertainment** Songs that everyone loves in Maggie's special style

**The December meeting will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Volunteers are needed for tea rota, please contact a committee member if you are able to help. There are some guidelines/tips for the tea rota which is on the committee webpage [Castle Bromwich U3A: Committee Members and Reports \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

Do you have books/magazines you would like to swop? If so bring them to the General Meeting. **Michael Buckley**

### Poetry Group

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm.**

We are a small group with an interest in searching for, reading and enjoying poetry. We normally meet on the first Thursday of each month. This month's theme is Christmas. If you are interested in giving us a try please contact Dave on 07754 205541 for venue details. Refreshments provided.

**Facilitators: Dave & Helen Abbott**

### u3a Strummers

**Friday, 2<sup>th</sup> Dec**, 10 am for 10:30 start till 11:45.

Timberley Lane Baptist Church, £3. You will need your own instrument and music stand.

**Group Facilitator: Graham Ridsdill**

### Castle Bromwich Local History Group

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2 pm**

Timberley Baptist Church

**Castle Bromwich Time Line:** The group have now moved to the years from 1950 so if you have any memories of Castle Bromwich please share them with the group.

**Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill.**

### Art and Craft Circle

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

Aylesford Hall

**Facilitator: Elaine Johnson**

### Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am**

There are space for more members if you wish to join this book club.

**Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill 07701010152**

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### **Christmas Lunch**

8th December at the Cuttle Bridge Inn, Kingsbury Road, Minworth, B76 9DP  
Arrive for 12 noon, food served at 1 pm.

### **Digital Photography**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Basic photography and review the Churches Project.

**Group Facilitator: Frank Hill**

### **Art Appreciation**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1:15**

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

**Facilitator: Elaine Johnson**

### **Christmas Curry Night £18**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm at Kismet**

Chester Road, Castle Bromwich

See leaflet attached for menu

**Facilitator: Barbara Durrant**

### **Yompers**

**Thursday 15 December Walk**

I have booked the 'Dog and Doublet' for the meal after we have walked around Kingsbury Water Park. (A distance of around 4 miles)

**Facilitator: Bob Dadd**

### **Coffee Mornings**

There is no coffee morning in December, the next one is 11 January 2023.

**Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator**

### **u3a Committee Meeting**

There is no Committee Meeting in December, the next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **Facilitator Meeting 11th Jan**

Spence Lounge Arden Hall

Risk Assessment Training

### **Scrabble Group**

This has been postponed until the New Year

**Facilitator: Margaret Riordan**

### **Litter Pick**

Mondays 1:30 – 3:00 pm approx. (Weather Permitting)

Meet at Hickories car park (we pick up for about a one and half hours session)

We have a coffee and chat at The Crafty Cow afterwards. All welcome!

**Group facilitator: Mike Davey**

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### **Railway and Railway Model Club**

Thursdays 10:00 am until 1:00pm at Model club Cadbury Drive, Castle Vale, B35 7JE £3 to cover room rent and refreshments.

NEW live steam loco 5 inch gauge. Several models under construction. Come and have a look. You can choose which one(s) you would like to help with. We go out to exhibitions and hold our own exhibition at Arden Hall in October as well as have lots of other activities, outings etc. No charge this year! Come and have a look. Ladies welcome especially with craft and art skills to work on scenic (you might also want to play trains

**Group Facilitator Bob Brueton 07766923361.**

### **Jotters Corner**

Find this month's pieces on Jotters Corner on our website: [Castle Bromwich U3A: Writing Group \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://www.castlebromwichu3a.org.uk)

### **1297 NC – Frank Hill**

**Post Early for Christmas – Ray Pearce**

### **Lunartics**

This is a website based group and you will find lots of information on our u3a website page [Castle Bromwich U3A: The Lunartics \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://www.castlebromwichu3a.org.uk)

Do Not Look At The Sun Naked Eye or Through A Telescope Or Binoculars Without Solar Filters.

### **Quizzes**

A new quiz from Roger this month (numbers 34 and 35). They can be found on the quiz page on the website: [Castle Bromwich U3A: Quizzes \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://www.castlebromwichu3a.org.uk) Thank you to Roger Hateley.

### **U3a Members welcome at these other Community Groups**

#### **Young at Heart Dancing**

1.30 - 3.30 pm £3.00

At The Remembrance Club. U3A members are always made welcome

**Organised by: Bob Brueton**

#### **Generations Choir**

No auditions just enthusiasm and wanting to meet likeminded people and have lots of fun! Choir meets for rehearsals Thursdays 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Sanctuary Community Centre, Tangmere Drive, Castle Vale. Sing Gary Barlow's song plus Sea Shanties, plus more new songs. Several performances being planned. We also sing popular songs of the decades and from musicals. If you can talk you can sing! For details talk to Bob at General Meeting or call 07766923361. U3A Members very welcome.

**Organiser: Bob Brueton**

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### **Colehill Country Dancing**

U3a Coleshill invites CB members to join this group that takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues in Coleshill. Further details from u3a Coleshill website

#### **A Warm Welcome**

Over the winter, Castle Bromwich Library i Hurst Lane North invites local residents to come along for somewhere warm to sit and read a book or newspaper, do a jigsaw, play cards or use the computers (bookable and free for up to three hours). They'll provide free tea and coffee (small cash donations optional). Closed 1-2pm daily, all day Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.



**Iceland Foods** are now offering over 60's 10% discount in stores every Tuesday, You will need to ask for the discount (they don't want to embarrass anyone by asking you if you are not eligible) and provide proof of age - senior bus pass, driving licence or senior railcard.

Please forward any information to share or group updates to Marion Ridsdill at [mridsdill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mridsdill@hotmail.co.uk) or use the new group email [castleu3a7@gmail.com](mailto:castleu3a7@gmail.com)

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